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Scrofula is but a modified form of Blood Poison and Consumption. The parent who is tainted by either will set in the child the same disease manifesting itself in the form of swollen glands of the neck and throat, catarrh, weak eyes, abscesses and oftentimes white swelling—sure signs of Scrofula. There may be no external signs for a long time, for the disease develops slowly in some cases, but it is in the blood and will break out in the first favorable opportunity. S. S. cures this wasting, destructive disease by first purifying and building up the blood and stimulating and invigorating the whole system.

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THE GODFATHER.

THE STORY OF A RAILROAD ACQUAINTANCE.

BY W. R. ROSE.

The heavy express train was enjoying a brief rest. It had slowed down as it rounded the bending track and was halting beside the long station platform. A group of young women advanced about the rear platform of the fast coach. They were very gay and very noisy. A young woman in the midst of the party was loyally buffered to the party.

"All aboard!" cried the conductor, and the heavy train slowly responded to the signal.

"Goodby, Bobbie!" came in a chorus of shrieks from the feminine delegation.

The train gathered headway rapidly, pulled by the platform, and the merry adieux and the waving handkerchiefs were swiftly left behind.

A moment later a young woman entered the car. She was a neatly girded young woman of perhaps 25—a young woman of handsome figure and clear brown eyes and wavy masses of brown hair. She came up the aisle in her search for a seat and presently paused beside a man, who, when he felt rather than saw her presence, moved close to the window and made room for her.

"Thank you," she murmured and looked at him as she took the proffered place.

"He was a man of about middle age, close to 60 years, pale and with a close-trimmed mustache—a careworn man, the girl thought, a man for whom life had been a serious game.

And the man, giving the girl a cautious glance now and then, fancied that she was a young woman of much determination, an independent young woman, a young woman hard to win, but well worth the winning.

"Would you object to changing seats with me?" the man presently asked. "The light and the swiftly passing scenes are a little trying to my eyes."

The girl smilingly took the seat next the window and looked out on the flying landscape. The man raised his newspaper and turned the pages with a yawn. Then he shot another glance at the girl.

"Forgive my pardon," he said. "But that was a strange pet name that your friends gave you at the station where you got on."

The girl turned and looked at the man with a half-startled expression, but something in his face seemed to reassure her.

"Oh, Bobbie!" she laughed. "That is a name the girls gave me. It's an attempt at condensing Roberta, you see."

"Your name is Roberta, then?" said the stranger. "It's not a common name, and I think I like it particularly on that account. Perhaps my liking is somewhat induced by the fact that a man in whom I take a good deal of interest bears the name of Robert."

"I was born for a man named Robert," said the girl.

"Better yet," laughed the man: "It was a very gentle laugh, but it lighted up his careworn face wonderfully. It was a pleasure to his appearance. "I hope this favored Robert appreciates the honor that was paid him. I have no doubt he does."

And he bowed to the young woman with quite a courtly grace.

"Oh, thank you!" she said, with a smile and a nod of acknowledgment. "But the fact is he has forgotten all about it."

"Ungrateful, Robert!" said the stranger. "He didn't deserve the young woman he is the independent young woman

"I fancy," said the girl, with a who refused to marry Jim Stillwell boy? "I slowly said. The girl looked at him with her clear brown eyes.

The stranger's eyes sparkled. "Good," he said. "I like that sort of pride. But are you sure you love George Stillwell?"

"If I had loved him a little less, she gently answered, "I would have married him at once. But I loved him too well to cloud all his prospects. I knew he was entirely dependent on his father. I was determined he should not cross his father for my sake and to his own detriment." She panted suddenly. "But why am I saying all this to you?"

The stranger looked at her admiringly.

"I fancy you are quite too good for Master George," he slowly said, "and I fancy Master George appreciates the fact. But really it is George's mamma who leads the opposition. She calls you a real choolalama, and she herself was a spinster when Jim Stillwell married her."

"You are acquainted with the family?" the girl eagerly inquired.

"Yes," said the stranger, "and I'll tell you, in confidence, of course, that I consider George a very fine fellow. His mother is a little world away, it is true; but, after all, she has a good heart and would make an exceptional mother-in-law. As for George's mother, he wouldn't stand in the way of his son's happiness for a single moment if it wasn't for George's mother."

"You are quite a woman," the girl eagerly inquired.

"Yes," replied the girl, "quite happy. I have many dear friends and my books and my employment. I teach French in a private school. Those were some of the schoolgirls whom you saw on the station platform. This is our vacation time, and I have been spending a few days with a house party."

"But how about that precious godfather of yours? What was he doing while you were building and blossoming into lovely womanhood?"

The girl smiled merrily. "Received at the last station," she said.

"Pardon me," said the stranger as he swiftly glanced over the message.

Then he turned to the young woman, with a queer little smile.

"Do you know that George's father is vice president and general manager of this line of railroad?" he asked.

"Yes," the girl replied. She looked at him with slightly parted lips. Somehow she felt confident in the good will of this singular man.

"Have you ever seen him?"

The girl shook her head.

"Jim's a good fellow," said the stranger with a faint smile, "and I have forgotten the petty occurrences of the old life. Yet I would do anything for me, even to crossing his wife. Any way we'll soon see. Ab, here's Lakeville."

The train paused for a moment at the junction town and then flew on again. It waited long enough to take on board a tall and handsome man with a short gray beard, a man who came up to the aisle looking to the right and left as he passed and, finally catching sight of the stranger, hurried toward him with outstretched hand.

"Madame," he said. "What's the matter with that next door neighbor of yours that he doesn't speak to you any more?"

"He came in one day and used my telephone to talk to Boston, and when he offered to pay me I accepted," Brooklyn Life.

The girl nodded.

"It is your phrase," she said. "I have no feeling of blame for him. Absorbed as he is he must have forgotten the petty occurrences of the old life. Yet I would do anything for me, even to crossing his wife. Any way we'll soon see. Ab, here's Lakeville."

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"You got my message?" he said.

"Yes," replied the stranger. "I was keeping a sharp lookout for you. But one moment, Jim, I have a pleasant little surprise here." He quickly turned to the girl. "Roberta," he said, "let me introduce to you Mr. James Stillwell of New York. Miss Roberta Waring, Mr. James Stillwell, Miss Waring is my goddaughter, Jim. She's the daughter of my old partner, Colonel John Waring. Perhaps you recognize her name? She is the young woman who is to marry your son," he said, "and while I may be a little prejudiced in the matter I want to say to you that, anything, she's much too good for the boy."

The tall man started slightly as he lifted his hat. Then he put out his hand to the blushing girl.

"Permit me, my dear," he said, and, stooping quickly, kissed her on the cheek.

"Take my seat and get acquainted," said Robert Morgan as he quickly arose. "The other business can wait."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Opening of Winter Tourist Season

The Southern Railway, which operated its own lines over the entire South and forms the important link in the great highway of travel between the North and South Florida, Cuba, Mexico, the Pacific Coast and Central America, announces for the winter of 1901 and 1902 the most superb service ever offered. Its splendid regular service will be augmented by the Southern Palm Limited, a magnificent Pullman train, which will be operated between New York and St. Augustine, Florida.

Winer Excursion.

Effective October 15, 1901, excursion rates are placed on sale by the Southern Railway to all principal winter resorts of the South and Southwest. Ask any agent Southern Railway for full information.

"That was unconscious humor," said the stranger, "but it isn't bad, is it? I must remember it. I don't think I have been humorous before for 20 years." Then his tone quickly changed. "So you are making a joke of it!"

"A jok?"

"Don't you see? You were speaking of my portrait as a libel that should not be countenanced. It is weren't countenanced, it wouldn't be a portrait, would it?"

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A Perpetual Paradox.

"Woman," said an old codger to writer for Peck during one of his meditative spells, "is a perpetual paradox, a chronic conundrum without an answer, an unknown quantity possessed of peculiar potencies, a convenient of contradictions and an amaranthine aggregation of other attributes which are not alternative."

"She is man's greatest earthly blessing and the cause of most of his misery. She soothes his tattered nerves with the coo of her gentle voice, but she always has the last word in every controversy with him, and incidentally about 97 per cent. of the preceding conversation. She brings him into the world and a few years later talks him to death."

"Most of man's trouble is caused by woman, but so defty does she pile the load on him that whenever his burden of trouble is lifted he wanders uneasily about hunting for more; other wise there would be very few second wives."

"She seems all alive in the selection of a husband, but takes two other women along to help her pick out a hat. The less actual comfort to be obtained from a thing the more enjoyment a woman gets out of its possession. At 16 she is a young woman; at 25, still unmarred, she is a girl. She will face the grim specter of death without a tremor and swoon at the sight of a mouse. She is the dearest thing in all the world and the most aggravating. She is as she is, and that all there is to do about it. The only man who ever truly understands a woman is the man who understands her and has got sense enough to let it go at that."

An Opportune Moment:

"Will you marry me and preside over my household as queen?" he asked.

She was inclined to laugh his proposal to scorn.

"You may never have such another chance," he continued, "for I know of a really excellent servant girl who is about to leave her present place and whom I can engage at once."

Thereupon she fell upon his bosom.—Philadelphia Press.

A Village Blacksmith saved His Little Son's Life.

Mr. H. H. Gies, the well known village blacksmith at Grahamsville, Sullivan Co., N. Y., says: "Our little son, five years old, has always been subject to cramp, and so bad have the attacks been that we have feared many times that he would die. We have had the doctor and used many medicines, but Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is now our sole reliance. It seems to dissolve the tough mucus and by giving frequent doses when the cramp appears we have found that the dreaded cramp is cured before it gets settled." There is no danger in giving this remedy for it contains no opium or other injurious drugs and may be given confidently to a babe as to an aunt. For sale by L. R. Irwin, Druggist.

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